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- Arrests followed a brawl between soldiers of the 7th Regiment of the 14th Division, stationed at the foot of Mount Aski (approximately 42° 15t North-45° 15t East). The exact date is uncertain. The incident probably took place in September 1953. The fracas was due to religious disputes between Moslem and non-Moslem Soviet soldiers. Religious incidents of this sort have not been unusual in the USSR forces in the Caucasus.
- A 7th Regiment (branch and divisional assignment unknown) was reported near Kalagainy, southwest of Baku, in June 1952. A 7th Infantry regiment (specifically identified as infantry) arrived at Djhasy from Grozny in December 1952. The 7th Infantry Regiment has been reported part of the 152nd Independent Division (Kiev).
- Sometime about September 1953, there was an explosion in the Communist Party center at Borshovan, west of Tbilisi (Tiflis). Several members were seriously injured. The party director was killed.

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